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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

Memorandum of Conversation

DATE: 20 July 1967

SUBJECT : Department of State Request for Permission to Sanitize Certain Geography Division Reports

PARTICIPANTS: Etzel Percy, The Geographer, Department of State  
James A. Brammell, D/OEI, CIA

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1. Etzel Percy called to request that the Office of The Geographer, Department of State, be allowed to sanitize our area studies and issue them as unclassified reports -- presumably under Office of The Geographer, Department of State attribution -- for dissemination broadly throughout the Department and Foreign Service posts. He gave as a reason for this request the fact that we had turned down a request from him about 4 years ago to perform the sanitization of reports ourselves to permit their issuance as unclassified studies. He further stated that his superiors had expressed a concern to him that this valuable material cannot be made available to interested people in classified form.

2. I pointed out to him that we would still not do the sanitization because of the manhours required in such a procedure, and that I certainly could not agree at this time to the sanitization being done by the Office of The Geographer, Department of State. He insisted that we talk further about this after I returned from vacation, and I agreed to have lunch with him sometime in late August.

3. My immediate reaction, in the form of a suspicion, is that this would be an easy way of adding to the total publications of the Office of The Geographer some fairly significant things that the Geography Division, OEI, has published.

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